Financial Assistance from Government to Newspapers and Periodicals.

Q.—183. **Mr. Y. V. KUMARIAH** (Devanhalli—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number and names of the Daily, the Weekly and the Monthly newspapers that are published in the State ;

(*b*) since when they have been in existence ;

(*c*) of these, the papers that receive monetary help from the Government and how much ;

(*d*) excluding the State newspapers, the outside papers that are receiving Government help ;

(*e*) the total amount of money that is being spent by Government on newspapers ?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Rajasevaprasakta B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*) and (*b*) A list of the news-papers and periodicals published in the State is appended. (*Vide* Appendix).

(*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) No direct monetary help in the shape of grants or subventions is given to local or outside newspapers. Such help as is given is in the form of releasing advertisement and subscribing to copies of papers or periodicals.

Mr. Y. V. KUMARIAH.—With reference to answer to items (*c*) to (*e*), which are the papers that are getting monetary help by way of advertisements and which, only by way of subscriptions ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—We can say to which papers advertisements are given. But it will not be in the interests either of Government or of the papers themselves to state exactly how many copies of each are subscribed for by Government.

Mr. Y. V. KUMARIAH.—What is the total amount paid to all the papers ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Rs. 58,000.

Mr. B. S. VENKATANAGAPPA SETTY.— Over and above the 94 papers and periodicals mentioned in the answer, are there any other papers published within the State ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—From the information before me just now, I do not think so.

Mr. B. S. VENKATANAGAPPA SETTY.—Are not some outside papers also getting patronage from Government?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. B. S. VENKATANAGAPPA SETTY.—Are any special facilities being provided here to correspondents of outside papers ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—As far as possible, facilities are being given to correspondents of several papers.

Mr. B. S. VENKATANAGAPPA SETTY.—Is not a paper by name *Vaisya Patrika* published in the State ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes, very recently.

Mr. B. M. VENUGOPALA SETTY.—There is a periodical by name *Sudarsana* which is 3 years old. Why is it not patronised by the Government ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The principle underlying the grant of facilities is that the Dailies should get first preference, the Weeklies next and then the Monthlies.

Mr. B. M. VENUGOPALA SETTY.—But why were these two papers left out from the list altogether ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—At the time of drafting the answer, perhaps information relating to those two periodicals was not before Government. But if there are any omissions, they can be rectified.

ANOTHER MEMBER.—Are the schools being compelled to subscribe for particular papers ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. S. I. MUMTAZ.—Is there not an Urdu publication by name *Iqbal* ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Perhaps, it is also a recent venture.

Mr. K. NARAYANA SETTY.—What is the amount paid to the *Desabandhu* on account of advertisements ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That depends upon the quantity of advertisement released for publication in that paper from time to time.

Mr. K. NARAYANA SETTY.—Is the amount paid to the *Tai Nadu* and to the *Desabandhu* on account of advertisements, the same or different ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—There is some difference.

Mr. K. NARAYANA SETTY.—Is that just or fair?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. NARAYANA SETTY.—Is it the intention of Government that a distinction should be made?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It all depends upon the merits of each case, such as, the extent of circulation, value for publicity purposes, etc. On that basis alone, all papers are treated alike. But generally speaking, it is a question not merely of patronizing the papers but also of Government being benefited by it.

Mr. K. NANJUNDA RAO.—Can a newspaper or periodical be brought out without obtaining a license from the Government?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes, subject to the provisions of the Mysore Newspapers Act.

Mr. K. NANJUNDA RAO.—When was the *Vysya Patrika* published?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—About two months ago.

Mr. K. NANJUNDA RAO.—In that case, was it not possible to have included it in this answer?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The officers furnishing the answer might not have been aware of it.

Mr. SHAIK AHMED SAHIB.—There are only two Urdu papers, *Al-kalam* and *Azad*, issued from Mysore. Is any patronage being extended to the latter as in the case of the former?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. SHAIK AHMED SAHIB.—What are the Urdu papers from outside the State that are being subscribed for by the Government?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. SHAIK AHMED SAHIB.—There is a periodical by name *Talim*. It is very useful for teachers under training. Are the Government getting it?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—We shall enquire about it.

Mr. A. K. SYED RASOOL.—Are any Urdu papers being purchased at all by the Government?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Some are being purchased.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—In the matter of giving advertisements to newspapers, do the Government take into consideration the extent of circulation of each paper?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes, that is one of the considerations.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Are not advertisements being given to periodicals which have no large circulation either in the State or outside?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes, there are some technical journals. In spite of their limited circulation, it is advantageous to the Government to publish certain advertisements in them.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Is it the policy of the Government not to give advertisements to papers which comment adversely on the administration of Government?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Is it a fact that in the case of certain papers published outside the State, as in Bombay, no advertisements are being given even though they enjoy very wide circulation?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—If such instances are brought to notice, will they be gone into?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. M. N. JOIS.—Are the Government aware that the number of printed copies of some of the papers is just the number subscribed for by the Government and that they have no other circulation?

(No answer.)

Mr. S. N. M. RAZVI.—Is it or is it not the policy of the Government to give encouragement to papers which are not self-supporting?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If a paper serves a useful purpose and is good, it may be given the necessary encouragement.

Mr. K. SUBBIAH SETTY.—Have any orders been issued by the Government that all schools should subscribe for the *Desabandhu*?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. K. SUBBIAH SETTY.—Have the schools been instructed not to subscribe

for the *Tai Nadu* and the *Visvakarnataka*?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—That does not arise as a supplementary question.

Mr. K. HANUMANTHIAH.—How many copies each of the *Tai Nadu*, the *Visvakarnataka* and the *Prajamatha* are being subscribed for by the Government?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. K. HANUMANTHIAH.—Is it likely that a large number of some and a very small number of others are being subscribed for?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Possibly.

Mr. K. HANUMANTHIAH.—On what basis is the number to be subscribed for fixed?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It all depends on the use that could be made of the copies subscribed for.

Mr. K. HANUMANTHIAH.—And how is that to be judged: is it from the Government's point of view or from that of the public?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—From both.

Mr. K. HANUMANTHIAH.—Are the Government aware that the local authorities are compelling village panchayats to subscribe for the *Desabandhu* only?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. K. HANUMANTHIAH.—If it is brought to notice that such compulsion has been brought to bear, will instructions be issued that the discretion of the panchayats in the matter should not be fettered in that way?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—In distributing advertisements, do the Government consider where all a particular paper has circulation or release the advertisements just to enable the paper to carry on?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—With regard to advertisements, the main object is that our articles should find better sales as a result of the advertisements.

Mr. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—If that is the main object, what are the subsidiary objects?

(No answer.)

Mr. S. C. MALLIAH.—Is there not a separate committee for each school for deciding the particular papers to be subscribed for from the reading room funds?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That does not arise out of this question.

Mr. S. C. MALLIAH.—As regards village panchayats, is it not necessary that each panchayat should pass a resolution that particular papers might be subscribed for from their funds?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. Isthuri SAMPANGIRAMIAH.—Is it a fact that though *Suggiya Mysoru* is being subscribed for by all the panchayats, the subscription amounts paid by them have not reached the proprietor?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That does not arise out of this question.

Mr. Isthuri SAMPANGIRAMIAH.—Will the Government be pleased to institute enquiries whether the proprietor has not been cheated?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. S. KARIAPPA.—How much of the Rs. 58,000 spent on papers and periodicals represents the help extended only to papers published within the State?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—About Rs. 19,000 odd.

Mr. S. KARIAPPA.—Why not give better encouragement to local papers?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If our articles have to find larger sales outside the State, they should be advertised more largely outside.

Mr. C. RAMASWAMI CHETTY.—What are all the Bombay papers that are patronized on that ground?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. C. RAMASWAMI CHETTY.—Are any advertisements given to important Madras Dailies like the *Hindu*?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Rajasevaniratha Bale SIDDALINGA SETTY.—Is it a mistake on the part of the Government to encourage newspapers?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—No.

Mr. Bale SIDDALINGA SETTY.—Is it fair to suggest that encouragement to any particular paper should not be given?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—That is a point on which the member and I may agree, but that is not a supplementary question.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Are advertisements being distributed among Urdu papers also?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Which are they?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Are advertisements being given to any other paper than the *Al-kalam*?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Will they be given if the papers apply?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I cannot say. It is a question of funds.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Is not the amount involved very small?

(No answer.)

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—In the shape of subscription, how much money is given to each paper?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—As stated already, it is not advisable to give that information.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—Are the Government aware that local officers have been compelling the village panchayats to subscribe for particular papers?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—Are the Government aware that they get the village panchayats to pass resolutions that only particular paper or papers be subscribed for?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—How could that be? The village panchayats are at liberty to refuse to pass such resolutions.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—On what basis are the Government extending patronage to the various papers?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It cannot be defined. It is decided on the merits of each case.

Mr. B. S. CHANDRASEKHARA RAO.—Are the advertisement charges met from general revenues or are they met by the advertising concerns?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is the latter.

Mr. B. S. CHANDRASEKHARA RAO.—Have not the Government set apart separate funds for publicity purposes?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Under General Administration, there is a provision for the establishment and other charges of the Publicity Office.

Mr. B. S. CHANDRASEKHARA RAO.—Is the total cost of advertisement a fixed amount or does it vary from year to year?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—There is not much variation.

Mr. Yajaman BANDAPPA.—Even in cases where village panchayats have passed resolutions refusing to subscribe for particular newspapers, can the local officers compel them to subscribe for them?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is a matter entirely within the discretion of the panchayats themselves.

Industrial Concerns under the Chairmanship of Diwan Bahadur K. Matthan.

Q.—184. **Sri. SESHAMMA SUBRAHMANYA SWAMI** (Tumkur—Women).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the companies aided by Government or in which Government have taken shares wherein *Diwan Bahadur* K. Matthan has been appointed by Government as Director or Chairman;

(*b*) whether the judgment of the High Court in the Mysore Bank Directors' Election case has come to their knowledge?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT** (**Mr. V. Vedavyasacharya**) —

(*a*) The Mysore Sugar Company, Limited.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. K. NANJUNDA RAO.—With reference to answer (*a*), is Mr. Matthan a Chairman of any other company?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—The Government have not appointed him as Chairman of any other company.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—So long after the age of superannuation, why should he be appointed and reappointed as Chairman of any concern?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—It is not a supplementary question.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—Are any special qualifications for the post prescribed?